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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the East Texas Medical Center Athens
2 Auxiliary celebrated the 52nd anniversary of the group's founding
3 on September 28, 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, The auxiliary was established by the Reverend Gordon
5 Alexander and his wife, Inez, in 1960; over the years, the
6 organization has steadily grown, and today it consists of
7 approximately 77 men and women, many of whom volunteer for 20 or
8 more hours per week; in 2011 alone, these caring individuals logged
9 over 29,000 hours of service; and

10 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving the experience of patients,
11 supporting hospital staff, and easing the burden on families,
12 auxiliary volunteers work wherever they are needed; they provide
13 directions to patients and well-wishers from their post at the
14 front desk, keep family and friends informed about loved ones who
15 are in surgery, deliver flowers, mail, and menus, and wheel
16 patients to their vehicles following their release; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to carrying out their day-to-day duties,
18 members raise money to help pay for hospital equipment and
19 amenities; through gift shop sales, special fund-raisers, and
20 donations from the local community, they have provided items
21 ranging from children's toys and televisions to glider rockers,
22 incubators, and chair-beds; moreover, the auxiliary has awarded
23 thousands of dollars in scholarships to nursing students; and

24 WHEREAS, Volunteers also play an active role in the wider

1 community, helping at local flu shot clinics, assisting with bone
2 marrow and similar drives, and speaking to local organizations on
3 relevant issues; committed to supporting the armed forces as well,
4 they spearheaded a "Treats for Troops" event in 2007, and since then
5 they have sent countless care packages to American service members
6 overseas; and

7 WHEREAS, For more than five decades, the ETMC Athens
8 Auxiliary has been a boon of immeasurable value for staff and
9 patients alike, and the outstanding efforts of its members, both
10 past and present, are indeed worthy of commendation; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the East
14 Texas Medical Center Athens Auxiliary and extend to all those
15 associated with the organization sincere appreciation for their
16 vital contributions; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the auxiliary as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.